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Applicant: SAITO, Noboru et al

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## LETTER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231 February 23, 2000

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s):

| Country | Application No. | $\underline{\mathtt{Filed}}$ |
|---------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| JAPAN   | 10-333,864      | 11/25/98                     |
| JAPAN   | · 10-364,356    | 12/22/98                     |
| JAPAN   | 10-351,357      | 12/10/98                     |

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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